and riot action. The matter is *sub-judice* and is listed for hearing on 10th April, 2003 in the High Court of Delhi.

(c) The State Governments have already been requested to provide *ex-gratia* relief to the communal riots victims at the rate of Rs. 1,00,000 in the case of death and Rs. 50,000 in case of permanent incapacitation. In so far as terrorists victims are concerned, there are already schemes available for providing *ex-gratia* relief of Rs. 1,00,000 in the case of death and Rs. 50,000 in the case of permanent incapacitation in terrorist, extremist or insurgency affected State of J&K, North Eastern States and States affected by left wing extremist, *viz*, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal Similar *ex-gratia* payment are made by Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, Pondicherry and Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Island, Chandigarh, Daman & Diu, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, and Lakshadweep for victims affected by communal riots and bomb-blasts.

(d) and (e) The matter is *sub-judice* and the final order of the High Court is awaited. Further action in the matter would be taken keeping in view the directions of the Court.

Missing of targets in shooting trial

2865. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Police Brass miss targets in shooting trial";

(b) the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to remedy such situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) All the officers who attended the firing practice held during the year 2002 are reported to have performed satisfactorily. The officers who were unable to attend the said practice sessions because of other pressing duties have the opportunity to atttend the next round of practice as it is a continuing exercise.